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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

1. In late April and early May 1950 the Polish Polithureau, in a secret meeting at which Marshal Rokossovski was present, approved a new name and a new state symbol for Poland. Rzeczpospolita Polska, the name by which the country has been known for more than 500 years, will be replaced by Polska Republicka Ludowa (Polish People's Republic). The white eagle, the state symbol of Poland since 960 A. D., will give way to the hammer and sickle. A public announcement of the change

will be made by the Polish parliament (Sejm) in the fall of 1950.

- 2. Early in June 1950 a new administrative division of Poland was made by which three new provinces (Vojewodztwo) were created. They are: Wojewodztwo Koszalinskie, with its capital at Koszalin (Kceslin); Wojewodztwo Zielonogorskie, with its capital at Zielona Gora (Gruenberg); Wojewodztwo Opolskie, with its capital at Opele (Oppeln). The new province of Koszalin is on the coast and comprises 12 districts, six of which were formerly part of the province of Szczecin, four a part of the province of Gdansk and two part of the province of Bydgoszcz (Bromberg). The other two provinces are located in Silesia and are composed of parts of the provinces of Katowice, Wroclaw and Poznan.
- 3. Under the old provincial administration system there was a director (wojewode) for each province, who was in charge of administration only, and a director (sterosta) for each district in the province. Since the recent change in land administration, the director of all state offices in each province (Przewodniczacy Wojewodzkiej Rady Narodowej PURN) controls all province functions including education, justice, prisons, and possibly the W.O.P., the KBW and the U.B.

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Comment: Heretofore the provinces varied greatly in size and population, some embracing large, sparsely populated sections and others, small, thickly settled areas. The new division will equalize the size of the provinces and the populations which each province controls.

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